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District Man Sentenced to 2 ½ Years In Prison For Burglary in Northeast Washington - Entered Residence While Owner Was at Home -

WASHINGTON - Crucito Serrano, 20, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to 2 ½ years in prison for a burglary that took place last year in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Serrano pled guilty in March 2011 to a charge of second degree burglary. He was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary.

According to the government's evidence, on September 25, 2010, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Serrano entered a home in the 2800 block of 5th Street NE through an unlocked front door, without permission from the property owner. Once inside, he and an accomplice stole several items, including the homeowner's cell phone.

At the time of the burglary, the homeowner was upstairs. He heard the intruders enter his home, but he did not encounter them face-to-face. He reported the burglary to the police. Once the homeowner realized that his cell phone had been stolen, he called it and Serrano answered. The homeowner recognized Serrano's voice because he had previously met him in the neighborhood. When confronted by detectives about the burglary, Serrano admitted to committing the crime and returned the stolen phone to the police.

No one else has been charged in the case. In addition to his prison term stemming from this case, Serrano faces revocation of his probation and a possible prison term in the state of Maryland for a 2009 burglary conviction.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Detective Anthony Commodore of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Fifth District Criminal Investigation Division, who led the investigation, as well as Investigator William G. Talbert and Officers Robert Akuoko, Robert Scheaffer and Mark Dega. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen

expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Eaton, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and is prosecuting the case.

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